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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In June 2014, the Mental Health Counselor Program suspended the credential of mental health counselor **Brenda Lea Vanderpool** (LH60196756) for at least two years after because she developed a personal relationship with a patient even after the patient had asked to end both the personal and professional relationship. Before having her credential reinstated Vanderpool must pay a fine and attend and successfully complete the Profession/Problem Based Ethics Program.

Clallam County

In June 2014 the Secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Donajene L. Dafoe** (NC10081139) for at least two years after the Department of Social and Health Services found that she had financially exploited a resident of the nursing home where she was employed.

Cowlitz County

In March 2014 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional **Robert Scott Hauff** (CP60290688)

and (CO60146888) for at least two years. Hauff committed unprofessional conduct when he became romantically involved and moved in with one of his clients.

In March 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Daniel K. Stoneking** (RN00172588) after he didn't complete continuing education requirements that were part of terms and conditions of a 2013 Stipulation to Informal Disposition. Stoneking also diverted and misused controlled substances, and committed other acts of unprofessional conduct.

Grays Harbor County

In March 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Shanda R. Brooks** (RN60158068) for forging and filling prescriptions for oxycodone and hydromorphone. Brooks pled guilty to two counts of Attempting to Obtain a Controlled Substance by Fraud, class C felonies in the Superior Court of Washington.

King County

In May 2014, the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an Agreed Order on Reinstatement with certified nursing assistant **Jan Louise Artis** (NC10021962). Her credential is reinstated but is placed on probation for at least one year.

In May 2014, the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Michelle Eileen Barnett** (NC60344736) after she didn't comply with terms of an earlier agreement requiring her to enter into a monitoring program.

In May 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Clare Elizabeth Blodgett** (RN00158328) after she didn't comply with terms of an earlier order requiring her to enter into a monitoring program.

In May 2014, the Medical Commission determined that in the event that **Shantaunu Reddy Neravetla** (ML60229618) should seek licensure in Washington he'd be required to undergo a psychological evaluation. While granted a limited license to practice as a resident physician and surgeon, Neravetla exhibited symptoms of Disruptive Physician Behavior and impeded his ability to communicate and work with others and could have interfered with his ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

In March 2014 the Veterinary Board decided that the credential of veterinarian **Keith D. Norton** (VT00003742) would remain suspended as originally ordered in a 2010 default order. Once Norton complies with all of the terms and conditions of the original order, his credential will be placed under oversight for at least three years.

In May 2014, the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Shakun Nandeshwar Sharma** (CO60294692) after she didn't comply with terms of an earlier order requiring her to enter into a monitoring program.

Pierce County

In March 2014, the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered **nurse Lindsey M. Alvarez** (RN60154086) for at least two years for not completing terms of a previous order. Alvarez admitted to diverting narcotics between January and March 2013 and entered into a substance abuse monitoring program which she didn't complete.

In February 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Carole I. Edenfield** (RN00137966). She admitted to diverting hydromorphone between November 2012 and March 2013 while working at a hospital in Tacoma, Washington. Edenfield has yet to respond to requests from the Department of Health.

In March 2014, the secretary of health suspended the credential of nursing assistant and agency-affiliated counselor **William Robert Fleming** (NA00105194 and CG60173109) after he was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of forgery, a class C felony and theft in the third degree.

In March 2014, the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Nakoa Therese Guffey** (D160054568) after she didn't comply with terms of an earlier agreed order.

Out of State

Alaska: In March 2014, the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse Janet H. Brown (RN00163220) after she surrendered her license to practice as a registered nurse in Alaska. due to allegations that She submitted a Registered Nurse Licensed Biennial Renewal that contained false information to the **Alaska** Board of Nursing.

California: In May 2014, the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a cease-and-desist to **Youpeng Yin** who is not licensed to practice massage in Washington but provided massage treatments at Lily Foot Massage in Mercer Island.

Idaho: In March 2014, the Pharmacy Commission suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Pamela E. Benson** (VA00049895) for at least three years. Before petitioning for reinstatement she must a \$20,000.00 fine and submit proof that she's taken and passed the National Accreditation and Examination. She must also submit three written essays that are at least 1,000 words each. While working as the Regional Pharmacy Manager at Scrips LTC Pharmacy in Seattle, Benson performed practice below the standard of care. She directed staff at the pharmacy to accept returned drugs, including controlled substances, from long term facilities without reliable records or appropriate packaging. Drugs were restocked under her supervision without proper records of lot numbers or expiration dates. She also allowed the pharmacy to operate at a ratio of greater than three pharmacy techs to one pharmacist.

Missouri: In March 2014, the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse Edith T. **Reber-Madenyika** (RN60206727) after her license to practice as a registered nurse was revoked in California. That state revoked her license after finding Reber-

Madenyika falsified or made incorrect, inconsistent entries in patient's records, failed to monitor the patient and failed to follow safe standards for documentation

New York: In March, the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Terrie Lynn Stephens-Traverse** (RN60222269) pending further action. Stephens-Traverse has had her license suspended in both New York and Virginia due to diversion of controlled substances for her own personal use and unprofessional conduct.

Oregon

In May 2014, the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Carrie Liane Christie** (RN60278421) after the Oregon State Board of Nursing revoked her license to practice as a registered nurse in Oregon. Christie admitted to the Board that she'd been issued a criminal citation for possession of a controlled substance and pled guilty to felony for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.

Massachusetts: In April 2014, Pharmacy Commission entered into an agreed order with non-resident pharmacy **Ameridose LLC** (FO60080065 and FO60223552) in which the company surrendered its license to operate in Washington. The company ceased operations as a pharmacy.

Out of Country

Canada: In March 2014, the Pharmacy Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacist **Jatinder S. Bhatia** (PH00041178). Between August and September 2012, Bhatia diverted controlled substances for his personal use. In September 2012, in the Superior Court of Washington, Bhatia was charged with Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances. Before he may petition for reinstatement of his credential, he must obtain a substance abuse evaluation through the Washington Recovery Assistance Program for Pharmacy and comply with all aspects of the program.

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